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(*d*) The question will be considered.

(*e*) Yes, provided there are vacancies.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) When pupil teachers are admitted for training, they will be given stipends.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) Not at present.

(*j*) No.

Industries.

Teaching of motor-driving and mechanism in the Industrial Schools maintained by Government.

* 842 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the industrial schools maintained by the Government in which motor-driving and mechanism were being taught;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that as a measure of retrenchment the subject is not taught in these schools;

(*c*) whether there is a proposal to insist on training in a recognized institution before a driving licence is granted; and

(*d*) whether proposals for the re-introduction of motor-driving as a subject in the industrial schools is under the consideration of Government?

A.—(*a*) The schools at Madura, Calicut, Mangalore and Bellary.

(*b*) Yes; and also on the ground that at Calicut and Madura facilities for learning driving were available in private institutions.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" May I know how many pupils there were in each of the classes for motor-driving and machanism, before they were abolished, in the schools at Madura, Calicut, Mangalore and Bellary? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Notice, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know from the Government whether there are any institutions in Bellary where motor-driving is taught, I mean private institutions? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Yes, it was on a report to that effect that instruction in motor-driving in the Industrial school was stopped."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" May I know, whether any representations were received by the Hon. the Minister protesting against the abolition of teaching motor-driving in these schools?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It was abolished some years ago. At that time probably some representations were received, but not recently."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" Will the Hon. Minister kindly examine the question again?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I am afraid it is too late now."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—" Will the Hon. Minister make enquiries whether there are private institutions at Bellary where motor-driving is taught?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Even if enquiry is made, it is not possible to reopen the question."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that persons can get at least some job after such training and thus earn for themselves?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It may be so. When there are other means of learning, I do not see why public money should be spent."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Irrigation.

Excavation of a drainage channel in Vishnuvakkam cheri.

843 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the promise made in answer to clause (*c*) of question No. 660, dated 13th March 1933, to raise the level of the cheri site to the north and east of Survey No. 177 and excavate a drainage channel in Vishnuvakkam cheri has been carried out; if not, when the same will be executed?

A.—After the extension of the Karikalavakkam tank-bund, the Vishnuvakkam cheri is free from danger. Of the two S. Nos. 177 and 178 cheri site poramboke S. No. 178 has been transferred to grazing ground poramboke and there is a proposal to transfer S. No. 177 to assessed waste and assign it on patta. A new cheri is being formed very near the existing cheri which will be free from any danger of water. The Collector has also reported that he has seen the cheri and that it is now protected by the extension of the tank-bund. In these circumstances it is considered that nothing need be done to the existing cheri either to raise its level or to form a channel as formerly proposed.